

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 803

By Davis

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. William M. Sholes of New Orleans, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dr. William M. Sholes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sholes was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Sholes was a highly respected surgeon who earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and patients alike; and

WHEREAS, William Sholes was born in Elizabethton in 1957, a son of the late Dr. Dillard M. Sholes and Mattie E. Sholes; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, William Sholes moved with his family to Johnson City, where he graduated from Science Hill High School; a chemistry major, Dr. Sholes graduated from Duke University with cum laude honors, and he received his medical degree from Tulane University Medical School in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Sholes completed his general surgery internship and residency at Tulane Hospital and his plastic surgery fellowship at St. Louis University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, after working in private practice for two years in Brunswick, Georgia, Dr. Sholes returned to New Orleans, where he went on to serve as Medical Director of the Emergency Department and Hyperbaric Unit at St. Charles General Hospital with Van Meter and Associates until 2005; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated medical professional, Dr. William Sholes was a member of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, the American Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sholes was an active and devout member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of the administrative board; and

WHEREAS, for twenty years, Dr. William Sholes made his home in New Orleans, and, being an avid supporter of the New Orleans Opera, he often sang in the chorus in performances held in the Mahalia Jackson Theatre of the Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Dr. William Sholes was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joyceline Leckie Sholes, and a brother, Phillip C. Sholes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sholes is survived by his sister, Susan S. Kelly and her husband, Dr. Kenneth R. Kelly; four brothers, Dillard M. Sholes III and his wife, Shirlene Hammitt Sholes, Dr. Thomas E. Sholes and his wife, Diane Swingle Shoals, Dr. Christopher W. Sholes and his wife, Laura Miller Sholes, and Keith E. Sholes and his wife, Laura McCastlain Sholes; he is also survived by his best friend and caregiver, David Lee Ingold II; nineteen nieces and nephews; and seven great-nieces and great-nephews; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Sholes leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional surgeon and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. William M. Sholes, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. William Sholes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.